

SUBMITTED RESOLUTIONS

SENATE RESOLUTION 198—EXPRESSING SYMPATHY FOR THE VICTIMS OF THE DEVASTATING EARTHQUAKE THAT STRUCK ALGERIA ON MAY 21, 2003

Mr. BROWNBACK (for himself, Mr. BIDEN, and Mr. INHOFE) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations:

S. RES. 198

Whereas on the evening of May 21, 2003, a devastating and deadly earthquake of a magnitude of 6.8 on the Richter scale and with a depth of 6 miles struck northern Algeria, killing more than 2,260 people, injuring more than 10,000 others, and leaving more than 200,000 people homeless;

Whereas the earthquake of May 21, 2003, has left thousands of buildings in ruins and has severely disrupted health services, water supply lines, electricity, and telecommunications in Algeria;

Whereas severe aftershocks with magnitudes greater than 4.0 have continued to terrify the people of Algeria and hamper rescue efforts;

Whereas the strength, courage, and determination of the people and Government of Algeria has been displayed since the earthquake;

Whereas the people of the United States and Algeria share strong friendship and mutual respect;

Whereas the United States airlifted to the earthquake-affected population 174,000 blankets, 1,800 tents, electrical equipment, water purification kits, and 3 medical supply kits sufficient to benefit 10,000 people for at least 3 months;

Whereas the United States has provided \$50,000 to the Algerian Red Crescent Society for emergency relief supplies; and

Whereas the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) has launched an emergency appeal for humanitarian and relief assistance to address the devastation in Algeria that was caused by the powerful earthquake: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) expresses its deepest sympathies to the people of Algeria and particularly to the families of the victims and the survivors for the tragic losses suffered as a result of the earthquake that struck Algeria on May 21, 2003;

(2) expresses its support for the people and to the Government of Algeria as they continue their efforts to rebuild their cities and their lives;

(3) expresses support for humanitarian assistance provided by the United States Agency for International Development and other American and international relief organizations;

(4) recognizes the important role that is being performed by the United States and the international community in providing assistance to alleviate the suffering of the people of Algeria; and

(5) encourages the continued commitment by the United States and other countries and international organizations to the rebuilding of the earthquake-affected areas in Algeria.

Mr. BROWNBACK. Mr. President, I rise to submit a resolution expressing sympathy for the victims of the devastating earthquake that struck Algeria on May 21, 2003.

Algeria, a North African nation and former colony of France, was rocked by

an enormous earthquake registering 6.8 on the Richter scale on May 21 killing more than 2,000 people, injuring 10,000 and leaving hundreds of thousands homeless.

I rise to extend my heartfelt sympathy to the Algerian people and to encourage the United States to commit itself to help Algerians pick up their lives and move past this tragedy.

President Bush committed funds to the Algerian Red Crescent Society, and the U.S. airlifted disaster supplies, including blankets, tents, medical supply kits.

It is important that in Algeria's hour of need that we act as a humane Nation. The kindness of a compassionate America can help heal the wounds of Algeria.

We must define ourselves as a nation by the goodness and compassion we extend to our fellow human beings who inhabit this world with us.

Though it is not simply in our self-interest, we should be careful to view our compassionate acts as instruments of goodwill presenting the case for American leadership to the world. These acts of compassion can serve to further our interests while reinforcing the American ideal as something other nations would want to attain.

Thomas Jefferson stated that America "should have an Empire for Liberty," meeting a moral obligation to defend and promote freedom throughout the world. That remains for any American foreign policy, but is only buttressed by our willingness to serve our fellow man.

It would be a tragedy in this case if we were to wait for our ship to come in; we should swim out to meet it. Algeria can be the mark where America as a leading moral nation can greet his fellow suffering man with open arms and mercy.

Mr. INHOFE. Mr. President, on May 21 of this year a devastating earthquake shook lives in Algeria and across the world. Two thousand two hundred people were killed, 10,000 were injured, and 200,000 more were left homeless. In response, support from the international community has been overwhelming. The United Nations Disaster Assessment and Coordination Team estimates that 85 international flights from 27 different countries landed in Algiers to assist in the emergency relief efforts. Officials in Algeria state that more than 30,000 government workers and 10,000 military personnel were involved in relief activities. The United States alone has given over \$1.3 million in assistance, providing blankets, tents, and medical supplies.

Furthermore I am pleased that many businesses from my home State of Oklahoma are now helping in the reconstruction. They will bring to Algeria the best resources and equipment available to help rebuild the fallen cities. LWPB Architects, Atkins-Benham Constructors and Terex Road Building Group are among the participating companies.

I am pleased to cosponsor this resolution by my colleague from Kansas that expresses our deepest sympathies for the victims of this tragedy. It is our hope that through this international partnership, Algeria will arise a stronger nation.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED

SA 1318. Mr. REID proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 2555, making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, and for other purposes.

SA 1319. Mr. SCHUMER submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2555, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1320. Mr. SCHUMER submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2555, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1321. Mr. SCHUMER submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2555, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1322. Mr. SCHUMER submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2555, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1323. Mr. BINGAMAN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2555, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1324. Mr. BAYH submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2555, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1325. Mr. KENNEDY submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2555, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1326. Mr. LEVIN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2555, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

TEXT OF AMENDMENTS

SA 1318. Mr. REID proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 2555, making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, and for other purposes; as follows:

On page 58, strike line 6 and all that follows through page 59, line 17, and insert the following:

any other provision of law, \$2,908,000,000, which shall be allocated as follows:

(1) \$1,750,000,000 for grants pursuant to section 1014 of the USA PATRIOT Act of 2001 (42 U.S.C. 3711), of which \$500,000,000 shall be available for State and local law enforcement terrorism prevention grants: *Provided*, That no funds shall be made available to any State prior to the submission of an updated state plan to the Office for Domestic Preparedness: *Provided further*, That the application for grants shall be made available to States within 15 days after enactment of this Act; and that States shall submit applications within 30 days after the grant announcement; and that the Office for Domestic Preparedness shall act on each application within 15 days after receipt: *Provided further*, That each State shall obligate not less than 80 percent of the total amount of the grant to local governments within 45 days after the grant award;

(2) \$30,000,000 for technical assistance;

(3) \$750,000,000 for discretionary grants for use in high-threat urban areas, as determined by the Secretary of Homeland Security: *Provided*, That no less than 80 percent of

any grant to a State shall be made available by the State to local governments within 45 days after the receipt of the funds: *Provided further*, That section 1014(c)(3) of the USA PATRIOT Act of 2001 (42 U.S.C. 3711) shall not apply to these grants;

(4) \$20,000,000 for discretionary grants for use in urban areas with large tourist populations, to be used as determined by the Secretary of Homeland Security; and

(5) \$358,000,000 for national programs: *Provided*, That none of the funds appropriated under this heading shall be used for the construction or renovation of facilities: *Provided further*, That funds appropriated for State and local law enforcement terrorism prevention grants under paragraph (1) and discretionary grants under paragraphs (3) and (4) of this heading shall be available for operational costs, to include personnel overtime and overtime

SA 1319. Mr. SCHUMER submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2555, making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 49, line 7, strike the end period and insert the following: “: *Provided further*, That of the total amount provided under this heading \$5,500,000 shall be available for maritime security professional training pursuant to section 109 of the Maritime Transportation Security Act of 2002 (46 U.S.C. 70101 note).”

SA 1320. Mr. SCHUMER submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2555, making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 49, line 15, strike “\$130,200,000” and insert “\$150,000,000”.

SA 1321. Mr. SCHUMER submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2555, making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

After section 615, insert the following:

SEC. 616. (a) ADDITIONAL AMOUNT FOR BORDER PERSONNEL.—The amount appropriated by title III under the heading “SALARIES AND EXPENSES” under the heading “CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION” is hereby increased by \$200,000,000.

(b) AVAILABILITY.—(1) Of the amount appropriated by title III under the heading “SALARIES AND EXPENSES” under the heading “CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION”, as increased by subsection (a), up to \$200,000,000 shall be available to assist the Department of Homeland Security in increasing the number of border personnel at the northern border of the United States by the end of fiscal year 2004, and may be transferred by the Secretary of Homeland Security to the salaries and expenses account of the Bureau of Customs and Immigration Services.

(2) The amount available under paragraph (1) for the purpose specified in that paragraph is in addition to any other amounts available under this Act for that purpose.

SA 1322. Mr. SCHUMER submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by

him to the bill H.R. 2555, making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 49, line 19, strike the end period and insert the following: “: *Provided further*, That of the total amount provided under this heading \$15,000,000 shall be available for the Secretary of Homeland Security to award grants under section 70107(i) of title 46, United States Code, to national laboratories, private nonprofit organizations, institutions of higher education, and other entities for the support of research and development of technologies that can be used to secure the ports of the United States.”.

SA 1323. Mr. BINGAMAN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2555, making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

After section 615, insert the following:

SEC. 616. (a) AMOUNT FOR CONSTRUCTION OF VEHICLE BARRICADES.—Of amounts appropriated by title III under the heading “CONSTRUCTION” under the heading “CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION”, \$2,400,000 shall be available to construct vehicle barricades along the United States-Mexico border near the Santa Teresa and Columbus ports of entry.

(b) SUPPLEMENT NOT SUPPLANT.—Amounts available under subsection (a) are in addition to any other amounts appropriated or otherwise available under this Act for construction of vehicle barricades along the United States-Mexico border.

SA 1324. Mr. BAYH submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2555, making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 59, lines 2 and 3, strike “as determined by the Secretary of Homeland Security: *Provided*, That” and insert “including Indianapolis, Indiana, and other areas, as determined by the Secretary of Homeland Security: *Provided*, that no less than the minimum amount awarded to Buffalo, New York, and its contiguous counties and mutual aid partners in fiscal year 2003 to enhance the security of high density, high threat urban areas shall be made available to areas in Indianapolis, Indiana: *Provided further*, That”.

SA 1325. Mr. KENNEDY submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2555, making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

Beginning on page 58, line one, strike all text through page 60, line 4, and insert the following in lieu thereof:

OFFICE FOR DOMESTIC PREPAREDNESS STATE AND LOCAL PROGRAMS

For grants, contracts, cooperative agreements, and other activities, including grants to State and local governments for terrorism

prevention activities, notwithstanding any other provision of law, \$6,638,000,000, which shall be allocated as follows:

(1) \$4,750,000,000 for grants pursuant to section 1014 of the USA PATRIOT ACT of 2001 (42 U.S.C. 3711), of which \$3,500,000,000 shall be available for State and local law enforcement terrorism prevention grants: *Provided*, That no funds shall be made available to any State prior to the submission of an updated state plan to the Officer for Domestic Preparedness: *Provided further*, That the application for grants shall be made available to States within 15 days after enactment of this Act; and that States shall submit applications within 30 days after the grant announcement; and that the Office for Domestic Preparedness shall act on each application within 15 days after receipt: *Provided further*, That each State shall obligate not less than 80 percent of the total amount of the grant to local governments within 45 days of the grant award: *Provided further*, That in obligating funds to local governments, each State shall give priority consideration to funding requests submitted by elected executive officials of municipal governments;

(2) \$80,000,000 for technical assistance;

(3) \$1,450,000,000 for discretionary grants for use in high-threat urban areas, as determined by the Secretary of Homeland Security: *Provided*, That no less than 80 percent of any grant to a State shall be made available by the State to local governments within 45 days after receipt of the funds: *Provided further*, That section 1014(c)(3) of the USA PATRIOT Act of 2001 (42 U.S.C. 3711) shall not apply to these grants; and

(4) \$358,000,000 for national programs: *Provided*, That none of the funds appropriated under this heading shall be used for the construction or renovation of facilities: *Provided further*, That funds appropriated for State and local law enforcement terrorism prevention grants under paragraph (1) and discretionary grants under paragraph (3) of this heading shall be available for operational costs, to include personnel overtime and overtime associated with Office for Domestic Preparedness certified training as needed: *Provided further*, That the Secretary of Homeland Security shall notify the Committees on Appropriations of the Senate and the House of Representatives 15 days prior to the obligation of any amount of the funds provided under paragraphs (1) and (3) of this heading.

FIREFIGHTER ASSISTANCE GRANTS

For necessary expenses for programs authorized by section 33 of the Federal Fire Prevention and Control Act of 1974 (15 U.S.C. 2201 et seq.), \$900,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 2005: *Provided*, That up to 5 percent of this amount shall be available for program administration.

SA 1326. Mr. LEVIN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2555, making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end, add the following:

TITLE —CLARIFICATION OF PROHIBITION ON CONTRACTING WITH CORPORATE EXPATRIATES

SEC. ____ . CLARIFICATION OF PROHIBITION ON CONTRACTING WITH CORPORATE EXPATRIATES.

Section 835 of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 (Public Law 107-296; 6 U.S.C. 395) is amended—

(1) in subsection (a), by inserting before the period “, or any subsidiary of such an entity”;

(2) in subsection (b)(1), by inserting “before, on, or” after “completes”;

(3) in subsection (c)(1)(B), by striking “which is after the date of enactment of this Act and”; and

(4) in subsection (d), by striking “homeland security” and inserting “national security”.

NOTICE OF HEARINGS/MEETINGS

COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

Mr. CAMPBELL. Mr. President, I would like to announce that the Committee on Indian Affairs will meet on Wednesday, July 23, 2003, at 10 a.m., in room 485 of the Russell Senate Office Building to conduct a hearing on S. 556, a bill to reauthorize the Indian Health Care Improvement Act.

Those wishing additional information may contact the Indian Affairs Committee at 224-2251.

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, NUTRITION, AND FORESTRY

Mr. COCHRAN. Mr. President, I announce that the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry will conduct a business meeting on July 24, 2003, in SR-328A at 11 a.m. The purpose of this meeting will be to mark up H.R. 1904, the Healthy Forests Restoration Act of 2003.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON ENERGY

Mr. ALEXANDER. Mr. President, I would like to announce for the information of the Senate and the public that a hearing has been scheduled before the Subcommittee on Energy of the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

The hearing will be held on Tuesday, July 29, at 9:30 a.m., in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

The purpose of this hearing is to highlight the unique role that the DOE's Office of Science plays in supporting basic research in the physical sciences. The programs supported by the Office of Science support many of the DOE's missions. The research of the Office lays the foundation for many of the current and future developments in the applied missions of the DOE in energy, defense, and environmental issues.

Because of the limited time available for the hearing, witnesses may testify by invitation only. However, those wishing to submit written testimony for the hearing record should send two copies of their testimony to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, U.S. Senate, Washington, DC 20510-6150.

PERMANENT SUBCOMMITTEE ON INVESTIGATIONS

Mr. COLEMAN. Mr. President, I would like to announce for the information of the Senate and the public that the Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations of the Committee on Governmental Affairs will hold a hearing entitled “SARS: Best Practices for Identifying And Caring for New Cases.” At the hearing, officials from the General Accounting Office will release the results from a study that I requested of national best practices for identifying

and locating SARS cases. This hearing is a followup to the subcommittee's May 2003 hearing on coordinating the response to individual SARS outbreaks among local, State, and Federal officials as well as between government officials and the private sector. While officials from global health agencies have indicated that, for the moment, SARS appears to have stabilized, there is concern that this is simply a lull before the storm. At the subcommittee's May 2003 hearing individuals within the health care community relayed their concerns that there will be re-emergence of SARS this fall. With that in mind, the subcommittee's upcoming hearing will examine the best practices that can be identified for controlling SARS within the health care and community setting.

The hearing will take place on Wednesday, July 30, 2003, at 9 a.m., in room 342 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building. For further information, please contact Joseph V. Kennedy of the subcommittee staff at 224-3721.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS

Mr. COCHRAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 22, 2003, at 2:00 p.m. to conduct a hearing on the nominations of Mr. Mark C. Brickell, of New York, to be director, Office of Federal Housing Enterprise Oversight; Ms. Alicia R. Castaneda, of the District of Columbia, to be a member of the Board of Directors, Federal Housing Finance Board; and Mr. Thomas J. Curry, of Massachusetts, to be a member of the Board of Directors of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Mr. COCHRAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, July 22, at 10:00 a.m.

The purpose of the hearing is to receive testimony on issues related to forest health problems in our Nation's forests.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS

Mr. COCHRAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be authorized to meet for a hearing on Reauthorizing Head Start: Preparing Children to Succeed in School and in Life during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, July 22, 2003 at 10:00 a.m. in SD-430.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

Mr. COCHRAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet to conduct a hearing on “Judicial Nominations” on Tuesday, July 22, 2003, at 10 a.m. in the Dirksen Senate Office Building Room 226.

Witness List:

Panel I: Senators;

Panel II: Steven M. Colloton to be United States Circuit Judge for the Eighth Circuit;

Panel III: P. Kevin Castel to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York; Sandra J. Feuerstein to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of New York; Richard J. Holwell to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York; H. Brent McKnight to be United States District Judge for the Western District of North Carolina; R. David Proctor to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Alabama; Stephen C. Robinson to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

Mr. COCHRAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet to conduct a hearing on “The WorldCom Case: looking at Bankruptcy and Competition Issues” on Tuesday, July 22, 2003, at 2 p.m. in the Dirksen Senate Office Building Room 226.

Witness List:

Panel I: Richard Thornburgh, Esquire, Bankruptcy Examiner, Kirkpatrick & Lockhart LLP, Washington, DC;

Panel II: William Barr, Executive Vice President and General Counsel, Verizon Communications, Washington, DC; Nicholas Katzenbach, Board Member, MCI Telecommunications, Ashburn, Virginia; Marcia L. Goldstein, Esquire, Weil Gotshal & Manges LLP, New York, New York; Morton Bahr, President, Communications Workers of America, Washington, DC; Douglas G. Baird, Vice-Chair, National Bankruptcy Conference, Chicago, Illinois; Mark A. Neporent, Chief Operating Officer, Cerberus Capital Management, L.P., New York, New York.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON AGING

Mr. COCHRAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Special Committee on Aging be authorized to meet on today, July 22, 2003 from 11 a.m.—1 p.m. in Dirksen 628 for the purpose of conducting a hearing.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

APPOINTMENT

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair, on behalf of the President pro